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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing by the Director of the CIA Subcommittee of
House Armed Services - 20 July 1967

1. The Director, accompanied by [] and John S. Warner, met with the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee. The meeting commenced at ten o'clock and ran until 11:15 a.m. Present from the Subcommittee were:

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L. Mendel Rivers
Philip J. Philbin
F. Edward Hebert
Melvin Price
Porter Hardy, Jr.
William H. Bates
William G. Bray
Charles A. Halleck

Russ Blandford and Phil Kelleher from the staff were also present. Prior to the briefing there was a sweep of the room and there was monitoring during the hearing. No transcript was taken.

2. The Director briefed the Subcommittee following the prepared text. The Director covered the following topics:

- a. Middle East Crisis Reporting
- b. USS LIBERTY Incident
- c. Moscow Air Show
- d. [] Program
- e. []

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In connection with the Moscow Air Show there was a request for somewhat more detailed information on the estimated performance characteristics of the various aircraft. Mr. Helms stated he would provide this for the record.

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4. There was some discussion about Soviet miscalculations. The Director indicated his concern that the Soviets, who have a first-class intelligence service insofar as collection is concerned, could have been so far off and so miscalculated in the estimative aspects. He further

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must be considered very good. As to the future in the Middle East, the Director stated this was most difficult to forecast and certainly conditions there will remain unstable for some time.

5. The Director then briefed on the question of Soviet resupply of the Arab nations utilizing the prepared briefing beginning at paragraph V. on page 30 through page 31.

6. Mr. Philbin raised a question about a Soviet 75-ton metal press exhibited at the Paris air show. The Director indicated he would look into this and advise. Questions were also raised as to pending

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7. The Committee was most interested throughout the briefing and at the conclusion the Chairman stated that this was one of the best briefings the Committee had received from the Agency. In particular, they were interested in OXCART, [] and the Agency's performance in the Middle East crisis.

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